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**VIA E:MAIL and U.S. MAIL**

September 17, 2013

The Honorable Gina McCarthy  
Administrator  
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1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W  
Mail Code 1101A  
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Re: Meeting Request

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

I would like to begin by thanking you on behalf of the United Tribes of Bristol Bay (UTBB) for attending the recent meeting with UTBB's member Tribes in Dillingham, Alaska. We hope that you enjoyed your visit and, more importantly, we hope that you were able to witness what a truly special place Bristol Bay is.

As I am sure you are aware, Anglo American, LLC—a mining company with a 50% stake in the Pebble Limited Partnership—is pulling out of the Pebble project. While UTBB is thrilled that Anglo American finally recognized that development of the Pebble Mine poses too many risks to renewable resources, I write today to specifically reiterate UTBB's position that Bristol Bay's waters, fish, wildlife, and people are still under the threat of large-scale mining at the Pebble deposit. Despite the loss of its partner, Northern Dynasty Minerals has announced that it intends to continue mining operations at the Pebble site.

Because of the ongoing risks to our communities, UTBB requests a meeting the week of October 7, 2013 to further discuss with you our original request for EPA to use its 404(c) of the Clean Water Act to prohibit, restrict, or deny any permit requested by the Pebble Limited Partnership. As we shared with you during our Dillingham meeting, our tribal members are already witnessing negative impacts from mining activities at the Pebble site. Most recently, several members of a community on the south side of Lake Iliamna (and

downstream from the Pebble site) discovered thousands, if not millions, of dead or dying salmon fry floating in the water. Pictures have been attached for your review. Unfortunately, events such as these are being witnessed more and more as further exploration of the Pebble deposit occurs. It is for this reason that EPA must act as quickly as possible to protect Bristol Bay and the indigenous people that call it home. We will be in touch with your scheduler to follow up on the requested meeting.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert Heyano".

Robert Heyano  
President,  
United Tribes of Bristol Bay